

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

AGERE SYSTEMS, INC.,)	
CYTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.,)	
FORD MOTOR COMPANY,)	
SPS TECHNOLOGIES, LLC and)	
TI GROUP AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS LLC,)	
)	Case No. 02-cv-3830
Plaintiffs,)	
)	Judge LeGrome D. Davis
v.)	
)	
ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL)	
TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

**ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL
TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, ASHLAND, INC., CARPENTER TECHNOLOGY
CORPORATION, fcg, inc., A/K/A FLEXIBLE CIRCUITS, INC., HANDY & HARMAN
TUBE COMPANY, INC. AND NRM INVESTMENT COMPANY TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND FOURTH AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Pursuant to Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Local Civil Rules 7.1 and 26.1, the Defendants Advanced Environmental Technology Corporation, Ashland, Inc., Carpenter Technology Corporation, fcg, inc., a/k/a Flexible Circuits, Inc., Handy & Harman Tube Company, Inc. and NRM Investment Company respectfully answer Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to Amend Fourth Amended Complaint for the reasons more fully set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, which is incorporated by reference. A proposed Order is attached pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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